*MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL RULES 2009-2010*

**BASIC RULES**

“The tournament is played with a Tamanco SB-120 ball”.

1. Fast pitch, no windmill movement, no arch. Pitcher starts with both feet on the rubber, not step back and shoulders face the home plate at all times when pitching.It’s called modified slow pitch.
2. 10 players on the field and 16 on the line up. (if you wish to have more players no problem, only 10 on the field, we encourage only 16 players in the full roster, let me know if you’re coming with more than 16 players). Designated batter as the 11th player in the line up not mandatory.
3. No bunting, no stealing, taking the lead only when the pitcher releases the ball.
4. 3 Strikes for a stroke out and 4 balls for a walk.
5. 5 Runs per inning and then teams switch field, if your team already has 4 runs in the inning and there are 3 men in bases and a player hits a home run then we’ll count only 5 runs. In the last inning teams can score as many runs as they can.
6. Field rules to be set at the moment of the game with the umpires.
7. Pitching rules as explained at the AD’s meeting. Show material to coaches.
8. Pitching distances are: Girls 11 meters and Boys 12 meters from home plate.
9. Catchers must use a face mask and the batter a helmet.
10. First base area with one pillow only.
11. There must be base coaches when team is batting.
12. The branch bat named “MIKEN” will not be allowed to be used in this tournament.
13. Free substitution.
14. Regular softball rules used in leagues. (Tag and run only from 2ND and 3RD base).
15. **Round Robin and Saturday games 7 innings or 1 Hour and 15 Minutes.**
16. **The match will finish with the home club team batting when closer to the end of the time. When closer to the last 4 minutes of the playing time and the home club team already batted then the game is over.**
17. Every game will have extra-innings adding a runner on second base if needed.
18. Teams must jump in and out the field as quick as possible to save time for the best performance of the tournament.